

3538. Adulteration of beans. U. S. v. 300 Bags of Beans, More or Less. Consent decree of condemnation and forfeiture. Product released on bond. (F. & D. No. 5505. I. S. No. 2356-h. S. No. 2046.)

On December 29, 1913, the United States attorney for the District of Maryland, acting upon a report by the Secretary of Agriculture, filed in the District Court of the United States for said district a libel for the seizure and condemnation of 300 bags of beans, more or less, remaining unsold in the original unbroken packages at Baltimore, Md., alleging that the product had been transported from the State of Michigan into the State of Maryland and charging adulteration in violation of the Food and Drugs Act.

Adulteration of the product was alleged in the libel because it consisted of decomposed and putrid vegetable substance, to wit, decomposed and putrid beans.

On February 10, 1914, Arthur W. Palmer, Baltimore, Md., claimant, as the agent of the Richmond Elevator Co., Lenox, Mich., having filed his answer admitting the allegations of the libel, and consenting to a decree, judgment of condemnation and forfeiture was entered and it was ordered by the court that the product should be delivered to said claimant upon payment of the costs of the proceedings and the execution of bond in the sum of \$300, in conformity with section 10 of the act.

CARL VROOMAN, *Acting Secretary of Agriculture.*

WASHINGTON, D. C., *January 13, 1915.*